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ROSEBERY IN SADDLE AGAIN.

Ex-Prime Minister Ready to Lead Liberals.

IRISH ALLIANCE RENOUNCED

Speech at Chesterfield Awakens Increasing Enthusiasm.

A NEW PARTY PLATFORM OUTLINED

Peace in South Africa, Following Boer Overtures, Advocated-Willing to Grant Generous Terms and All the Freedom Consistent With Honor-Need of Efficiency in the Home Government.

LONDON, Dec. 16.-Ex-Prime Minister Rosebery, wearied of plowing that lonely furrow to which in his last public speech he consigned himself, declared in a great speech at Chesterfield this evening his willingness to place bisservices at the dis posal of the country, and enunciated the policy which, in his opinion, should be adopted for healing the nation's ills and uniting the Liberal party.

Henrers Came Through Snows.

The immense audience which packed the great earshed of the Lancashire and Derhyshire Railway, which was converted for the occasion into a meeting hall, it estimated to have numbered fully 5,000, but a far greater number was unable to gain entrance.

The weather was most inauspicious Snow from the storm of December 12 lay deep, and fresh snow is falling, but the enger Liberals were not deterred. They came from all parts of the country by train and from the surrounding districts in carriages and carts.

After the main speech Lord Rosebery addressed an overflow meeting, although his voice was so hearse that it was with difficulty be made himself audible. It may unhesitatingly be said that the impression created among his henrers was that he will again lead the Liberal party and

lead it to victory at the next election. Liberals Approve His Views.

His ylews, although professedly unframed on party lines, met the party aspirations so far as they were represented at the meeting. His bold cutting off of the Irish alliance was greeted only with less approval than his strong imperialistle views on the war.

During his speech, which occupied two hours, the attention of his audience never fingged, while the enthusiasm grew as he

Besides Mr. Asquith and Sir Edward Grey, about a score of members of Par Hament, Lord Brassey and Lord Burgh clere supported Lord Rosebery on the

Sir Henry Powler, formerly president of the local government board, and others wrote sympathetically, regretting their

Came to Speak His Mind.

Lord Resebery opened his speech by appealing for a patient hearing, even if his audience disagreed with him. He said be had not come to tickle British ears with cloquence and rhetoric, but to speak his mind, being prepared to give some advice to the Liberal party which would, at any rate, be dispassionate and impartial.

There were three or four preliminary facts to be remembered regarding the party if the situation was to be looked fairly and squarely in the face. The first was that the party had passed through a long and painful sickness, and was only now approaching convalencence. Free From Irish Alliance.

Second it was now free altogether of the Irish alliance and its consequences. The Irish party had repeatedly repudint ed any alliance with the Liberal party to terms that were almost insulting, and as they had now ranged themselves openly with the counter fighting the country in the field he did not suppose much embarresument was likely to arise from a too utimate connection; between the two. [Loud cheers.]

Third, the Liberal party had to gain or regain unity. He did not pretend to say how that was to be done. It was not part of the advice he proposed to give.

Must Regula Confidence. He was not sure that his own impresions regarding this subject were very clear, but since he expressed his views of the situation in July, every day had

emphasized what he not then said, Fourth, and must important, they had

to gain or regain the confidence of the The speaker proceeded to deal out his

gremised advice. He said it was sixteen wears since the party had been in any thing like power. Consequently it was its primary duty to clean its state and consider most carefully what to write thereon in the future. There were many of the party who would not agree to this. for there is a great deal of Toryism in Liberalism

An Up-to-Date Policy,

There were men in the party who sat still with flyblown phylacteries bound around their obsolete policy, who did not remember that while they were mumbling their incentations the world was marching and revolving, and if they hoped to lead they must march and move with it. But when the party rewrote on its clean state it must write a pelley adopted in 1961 or 1962, not in 1885 or 1892.

Moreover, it reast not promise more

than it could perform. In this respect he spoke as a penitent, for on reinspecting the Queen's speech of 1893, which was prepared by a Government of which he was a member, he found it promised a new statutory l'arlinment for Ireland, the discatablishment of

two State churches, and other matters. (Continued on Third Page)

MEANS ABSOLUTE PEACE.

Johnson Practically Admits an Un derstanding With Spalding.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.-Han Johnson prac ically admitted today that there had een a secret understanding between his cague and A. G. Spalding for six month r more. The opinion is broadcast here hat this means a perfect peace, with two oig baseball organizations in the field, re pecting each other's right and players. This explanation also is given for the emurkable stand which Spalding took is the New York meeting, when he forced the issue with Freedman. This much Ban ohneen declares:

"The acceptance of the presidency of the National League by Spaiding was no surprise to me. I mei Spaiding at Attantic City last June, and I saw him again in October. I am glad that he is elected, because it mesus that there is practically peace between the two leagues

"There will be no amalgamation of the se a non-conflicting schedule next year but Syndding will make out the schedule for the National League and I will make out the one for the American League. "Freedman, Brush, Soden, and Robion blocked the peace negotiations that ere started last summer. I predicted the passing of these men last year, and it has come about. I see that the execution of Freedman is to take place in New York fais afternoon. The others must follow."

HOPE FOR SENATOR SEWELL.

Physicians Report That His Condition Is Much Improved.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 15. - Senator Sew Il's condition was so much improved tonight the physicians enter sized slight hopes of his recovery.

DANISH TREATY DRAWN UP.

Doenment Transferring West India Isles Sent to King Christian.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .- A Washington pecial to the "Tribune" says: Secretary Hay and the Danish Minister

at Washington, as pienipotentiaries for that purpose, have completed the treaty for the purchase by the United States of the Danish possessions in the West Indies The druft of the treaty has been for warded to Copenhagen for King Christian's formal ascent, and it is though that the signatures of the plenipotentieries may be affixed in a few days, making the convention ready for the Senate's consideration immediately after the hol-

ready approved the terms which have been admirat. reached after tedious negotiations, and as n poll of the United States Senate has ensured prompt ratification, there seems scarcely any doubt that the formal transfer of sovereignty may be accomplished

The Danish Cabinet has made every effort to induce the United States to pay more than \$4,500,000, but was finally in-

ARCH PLAN KILLED BY SCHLEY VERDICT.

DONATIONS TO BE REFUNDED.

a Decision to Abandon New York's Monument to

Maynt Heroes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 .- Park Benjamin, president of the Naval Arch Association. which has been promoting the movement to erect a \$1,300,060 mayal arch and watergate at the Battery, announced today \$300,000 already received would have to

Due to Enquiry's Outcome.

This was due, he said, to the outcome of the Schley Court of Enquiry. Mr. Ben jamin had a consultation this morning with Col. Robert M. Thompson, treasurer and manager of the finance committee,

"Colonel Thommon and I have agreed that work on the naval arch project must stop. We are of the opinion that the outme of the Schley trial reveals so much on, even in the highest ranks of the mavy, and is bound to reopen so many other matters for argument and dispute, that it would be altogether inexpedient at the present time to do anything further

May Be Placed in Museum, "A model of the proposed arch has been

built, complete in all its details, at the expense of Colonel Thompson. He inform me of his intention, with the content of the proper authorities, to place it in the Metropolitan Museum of Art as a remind-er to the citzens of New York of what night be done by the naval arch commitre propitious time, it will be able

When that time arrives it will find this association ready to resume its work. There will probably be a formal meeting of the trustees, composed of Colonel Thompson, Lewis Nixon, and myself, to

INDEMNITY FOR AMERICANS. Congress Urged to Pay Sufferers From Boxer Uprising.

The Secretary of the Treasury has transmitted to Congress a communication from the Secretary of State enclosing resolutions appropriating \$2,000,000 to meet the pressing claims of American dizens who were sufferers from the Boxer uprising and providing for reim-bursement to the Government out of the indemnity of \$25,000,000 to be collected of The payment of the \$2,000,000 is recom-

FOR BRIGADIER GENERAL.

Frank L. Baldwin Urged by Repre scutative Smith of Michigan.

Representative Smith of Michigan coffee at the White House yesterday to present the name of Frank L. Haldwin for one of will soon be filled by the President. Colonel Baldwin has received two med ils for bravery in the war with Spain and

Norfolk & Washington Steamboat Co Delightful trips shilly at 8:30 p. m. from too th st. te Old Point Comfort, Norfolk, Virgials each, and Newport News. See ad. page 9.

MAKE SCHLEY VICE ADMIRAL.

Maryland Delegation Will Urge This Plan.

TALK OF APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT.

Rear Admiral's Friends Contemplate Petition to the Executive, Requesting Official Disapproval of Report of Naval Court-Some Criticism of Dewey's Stand.

Friends of Rear Admiral Schley will not ask Congress to investigate the Santiago campaign and his connection therewith but they will request that bely to pass resolutions approving his course and to give him a vote of thanks for his distinguished services.

This much was definitely decided last night by the members of the Maryland delegation. They reached this decision while gathered about the festal board at the New Willard last night at a dinner iven by Gen. Felix Agnus, of Baltimere, All the members of the delegation were present, with the exception of Senator Wellington. Several other personal friends of Admiral Schley and General Agnus were there, including Mr. M. A. Teame, of Admiral Schley's counsel. Neither Admiral Schley nor Mr. Rayner

Plan of Action in Congress.

In consequence of the decision arrived at, and following the plan agreed upon, Senator McComas will today offer a resolution in the Senate. Its preamble will recite Admiral Dewey's supplemental statement, contained in the report of the Court of Enquiry, as published in The Times, thus making the Admiral's expression the sense and sentiment of Congress. The hody of the resolution will declare that Admiral Schley be restored to the active list of rear admirals, with the full pay and emcluments of that office, but not required to do active service.

Make Schley Vice Admiral. A further purpose is, while the iron is

hot, and the matter is before Congress, to As the Government of Denmark has al- make an effort to have Schley made a vice Enveloped in Flames She Rushed

Representative Charles R. Schirm will esent a resolution in the House, which present a resolution in the House, which will likewise recits Dewey's statement, and tender a Congressional vote of thanks to Admiral Schley for his gallant service in the Santiago naval campaign, and for his brilliant viciory over the Spanish fleet. They will discourage an effort which may be made by any other members to institute a Congressional investigation. They believe that such resolutions will pass, and there the matter will rest will pass, and there the matter will rest so far as Congress is concerned.

Secretary Long and the Report.

Secretary Long, in reply to Admiral schley's request that action on the majority report of the Court of Enquiry be deferred until such time as he is able to file ils objections, last night sent a letter to Admiral Schley, in which be stated that he would hold the matter in abeyance un-Admiral Schley's objections must be filed. An effort will be made this morning to have the Secretary extend the time

In case Secretary Long approves the majority report of the court, as it is ex- and into the street. pected that he will do, it is highly probable that an appeal will be made to the President to pass upon the findings and set aside the verdict of the court. The that the scheme was dead and that the naval regulations permit an appeal to the President in cases where the court is not appointed by the Executive. If the Presistred by Admiral Schley or his friends.

Will Not Ask Damages.

While the matter of rossible civil action will not be taken up until after the case has been passed upon by the Navy Department and the President, this much has Schley, in bringing an action against the Apriletons and Muclay, will not ask for any monetary damages. He has stated made against him in Maclay's book

Some Criticism of Devey. There is much speculation as to who Dewey's supplemental report, in which he lisagrees with the two other members Schley credit for the Santingo victory. The evperal opinion is that he will igure ! and simply append his approval to the ful-

He could not well endorse both and cers is that Admiral Dewey went outsi endy taken the stand directly opposed to dominal bewey, as he has declared of chally that Admiral Sampson was in ommand at Santiago, and the courts, in warding the prize money, have so de

Senator McComus' Views.

Senator McComax last night made the ellowing statement in recard to the ourse of Admiral Schley's friends.

ent," said he. "I confidently believe the people of our country approve the finding of Admirul Dewey, that Commodore Schle was the senior officer in command and en itled to credit for the victory in the must battle off Cubs. I believe an inve tigation by Congress would not have de isive results. It is not advisable. be, in the judgment of Congress, right e wrong. I want to see such vote, and want to see it before the session end will later introduce a practical prope

le ire to claborate. Advocates Deliberation.

Those who with me endorse Admira Dewey's opinion, should be prudent and deliberate. There is no need of haste. (Cuntinued on Fifth Page.)

MILES TAKES DEWEY'S VIEW.

Accepts the Admiral's Judgment in the Schley Enquiry. CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.-When asked his

pinion of the Schley verdict, General Miles, who arrived here today, said: "Personally, I prefer to abide by the adgment of Admiral Dowey. He has comanded a feet and has felt the anxieties and responsibilities that go with such a duty. He also aided in the destruction of a Spanish fleet and can better appre-

nder such circumstances. "Dewey, I think, has summed up the se in a concise manner, and I have no loubt his conclusions will be accepted by the people.

ciate the feelings of a commanding officer

"I do not sympathize with the efforts which have been made to destroy the honor of an officer of the navy."

GOVERNOR GREGORY DEAD.

The Executive of Rhode Island Passes Away Suddenly,

PROVIDENCE, R. L. Dec. 16 .- Governor William Gregory of Rhode Island died quite suddenly at his home in Wickford this afternoon. The Governor had been alling for some weeks, but his sickness was not considered of a cerious nature. The immediate cause of death was Bright's disease. Governor Gregory was born in Asteria, L. L. His father was a carpet weaver. At the age of ten years young Gregory went to work in a mill at Mocsup, Conn. He went to school nights until he was about nineteen years old, when he received charge of a small mill. In 1880 he went to New York as general manager for A. T. Stewart & Co. Later he returned to Rhode Island and began

amassed a considerable fortune in the mill business. Mr. Gregory served several terms in the State Legislature and was a delegate to the Republican convention at Minneapolis, He was elected Lieutenant Governor of the State in 1868, serving two terms.
In April, 1960, he was elected dovernor,
He was re-elected for another term in
November last, his term of office beginlining footpaths.

operating a woolen mill at Wickford. He

HER FATAL SLEEP AT KITCHEN STOVE.

MISS BARRY BURNED TO DEATH.

Into the Street and Then Through the House to the Henr Yard, Where She Died.

Miss Jennie Barry, of 1016 P Sirect rereived burns at her homeyesterlay afteron which resulted in her death She fell asleep while sitting in front of the kitchen stove and her clothing caught fire. When she awoke she rushed into the street and back into the house, and

then to the rear of the house, where she was found later by a neighbor. Coal Oil on Wood.

Miss Barry had been working industriously during the afternoon, and sat down before the fire which had been kindled by one of her brothers. A quantity of coal oil had been poured on the wood to make it burn faster. Neighbors noticed smoke issuing from the kitchen, but paid little attention to it, as they thought some one they heard Miss Barry screaming for help and saw her running through the house

Street, near P, started to the wor sistance, but for fear of catching fire her-self made no efforts to extinguish the flames. Enveloped in flames Miss Barry rushed into the house and ran into the rear yard, where she was found. east, who was passing, saw the smoke is urned in an plarm from box 236. Several

The young woman was found in a sit-

ing posture at the head of the steps at he rear of the house. Her clothing was attrely burned off, and her face, hands, intified. He issued a certificate of sect-

Miss Jennie Barry was about thirty Barry, who is employed as the Navy and as a molder. Her brother, Frank tarry, is a draftenthn employed at 61 Street northwest. The father and rother of the deceased were at work at he time of the accident, and were noti fied of it by friends. They will tak harme of the remains this moraling after o'clock. The Rev Mr. Pollard, pas

SETH LOW SWORN IN. Takes the Oath Before Justice Mor. gan J. O'Belen.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. - Mayor-elect Low sek the oath of office this afternoon a on Avenue. He had made arrangement eather in the day with Julice Margan J O'Brien and arrived at the courthouse at the colock and went to finite O'Brien's

Gen. Patrick Cellins, the mayor-elect of Soston, had been at the courthouse early in the day and on hearing that the on one to be administered to Mr. Low aid that he would come around to see i

Mr. Low stood with his hand splifted as he justice read the form of oath pre-crited in this State for elective officers General Collins said he thought he

But I think that I can take that eath,

Improved Service West, B, & O. R. R.

BOERS DECIDE FATE OF WAR.

Important Conference With General Botha.

FINAL RESULT NOT YET MADE KNOWN

Viewing Recent Activity of the Burghers, It Is Not Believed That the Vote Was to End the Conflict-Results of the Gathering, However, May Be Far-reaching.

LONDON, Dec. 17 .- A despatch to the 'Daily Newa" from Johannesburg, dated December 13, says that important develpments may be expected in a few days. General Botha has summoned a meet ing of burghers for December 15 to dis cuss the situation and to communicate Steyn's and De Wet's views, Delarcy's proposed meeting with the burghers was also postponed until December 15.

The Result a Toss-Up. The position at the moment is such that t is a toss-up whether peace is concluded r the war continued. Everything points to December 15 being higger with results than proclamation day, three months ago The correspondent details some unhope

He remarks upon the significance of the recent disturbance in Johannesburg, and in the Rand, for which 200 suspects were Consistory Listens to the Address

ul signs in the activity of the aloc

Officers Going Armed. All the officers in Johannesburg wear evolvers at night, and have been cauloned against walking under the trees

NEGRO SET CHILD ON FIRE. Wanton Crime Committed by a Lad in Athens, Ga.

in the Italian Parliament making divorce ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 16 .- A special from Athens, Ga., says the eleven-year-old laughter of Mrs. A. C. Lampert, a wellknown woman of that place, was wantonly burned to death tonight by an unknown negro boy about afteen or sixteen years

The negro went to the Lampert home is the absence of the mother and offered some wares for sale. When told of her absence he went into the house to await her return

Suddenly he said to the little girl, who was caring for three smaller children, that he believed he would burn her to death. With an improvised torch he chased the girl, who ran screaming from him. He overtook her and set fire to her clothing

The child ran screaming into the yard, where she fell unconscious. She died a ow hours Inter. Search is being made for the negro, and

if he is captured be will be lynched. KNOX CHARGES IGNORED.

Senate Judiciary Committee Again

Makes Favorable Report. The Senate Committee on the Judiciary yesterday decided to ignore the charges filed against Attorney General Knox by the Anti-Trust League, and when the Senate met in executive session Senator Hoar reported that the committee re A colored woman living on Eleventh iterated its former unanimous recommendation that the appointment of Mr

Knox be confirmed. The nomination was thus for the sec and time favorably reported. The request of the Anti-Trust League to be given more time in which to obtain testimony

was refused.

This action on the part of the Judiciary Committee followed a three-hour meeting yesterday morning, when the great mass of testimony prepared by the Anti-Trust League and submitted on Saturday was carefully gone over and considered. In the opinion of the committee the evi-

ence submitted carried no weight and could not be used to hold back the nomination. it was decided not to withdraw the omination and by a unazimous tote it was agreed to report the matter feverably,

present at the meeting were Senaters Hoar, Platt of Connecticut, Clark of Wyoming, Spocner, Fairbanks, and Sicion, all Republicans, and Bacon and Petrus,

ANGRY AT HOAR'S REMARKS. Portuguese Residents of Boston

Meet to Make a Protest. BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 16.-A mass meet ing of Pertuguese residents was held here ast night to protest against Senate Hour's reference to Fortugueso immi grants in his comment upon that porclo of President Rossevelt's message dealing

with Chinese exclusion The meeting was called by the Man Portuguese Benevolent Association, th speakers including Dr. J. C. Frictan, Rep

"Wherean George P. Hoar, senior Sena for of the Commonwealth of Massachus setts, in newspapers and in a common upon the recent message of Presiden conserved all assail the manhood of the one of Portugal and gave expression to entiments of enulty which are not only americed, but also unpatriotic and unworthy of an American statement; "Resolved, That the Portuguese citizens of Massachusetts do be by consemin said fatements and the position assumed by

ur senior Senator; and

That a copy of these resolutions be ent to Senator Hour, at the same time emanding that he explain and defend his

Polish Women Boycott Germans.

RERLIN. Dec. 16 .- At a meeting of counted Polish women at Cracow, Ausrian Gallela, it was resolved to hoycoti Pressian shops and to take the education Germans.

Flynn's Business Catlege, 8th and K. Business, Shorthand, Typewriting-\$25 a year.

COLOMBIAN REBELS DEFEATED. Dispersed, With a Severe Loss, a Nombre de Diox.

COLON, Dec. 16 .- Two vessels have ar ived here from Nombre de Dios bringing the principal employes of the Caribbear Manganese Company, who fled from the

The few Government troops at Nombre le Dios dispersed the rebels, killing many

More troops will be sent there.

SULZER SAYS A FEW THINGS.

York Representative's of the President.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 .- William Sulzer demogratic Representative for the Eleventh New York district, was in town the other day, and he said a few things "I like Teddy very much," said Mr. Sulzer, speaking of the President. "He" a good fellow. I have known him for good many years in New York City, at Albany, and in Washington.

"He's making his party look like 30 cents in Washington just at the moment but I'll bet you he wins out in the long run. He's cute; he knows the ropes, and he's not going to let any of the old fellows run over him. "I tell you he's a corker."

POPE PLEADS AGAINST DIVORCE IN ITALY.

AN IMPASSIONED ALLOCUTION.

of the Holy Father Conderns. ing the Bill Now in the House of Deputies.

ROME, Dec. 16 .- At a consistory today the Pope made an impussioned address against divorce. He urged Italians not to of Mr. Presley as that of the man he had allow such an evil to become prevalent in

The allocation is based on the bill now

legal. His Holiness deplored the fact that he must speak of the sorrows which marked his last few years.

Many Causes of Trouble. Many and various causes troubled Catholicism. He did not propose to deal with all of them, but to confine himself to one which was damaging to faith and

He appealed, by his old age and faith in their common fatherland, to those who proposed to vote for the bill to desist in the name of all they held sacred and dear. He exhorted them not to refuse to the effect that Mr. Presley entered the consider Christian conjugal bonds as holy. indissoluble, and eternal in virtue of di-

Evil Results Involved.

No human law could ever abrogate such a right. Urgent evil results were involved for the family and society. He declared that inasmuch as the State's power was closely allied to its morals and laws, corruption meant its ruin, and laxity would not only be a private, but a public ca-

lamity, contributing to the perversion of He concluded by exhorting the cardinals

COMMISSIONERS ARE HELPLESS.

Wife's Appeal. The District Commissioners find themelves in an uncomfortable situation. They have been appealed to to release a man from the workhouse in order that he may take care of his destitute wife and children. The hearts of the Commissioners are touched, but they are unable to

grant the pathette request. Such application has been sent to them by the wife of James Poindexter. It appears that Poindexter was convict-

ed in the Police Court for violation of the excise laws and sentenced to the In the petition for pardon Mrs. Poindexter submits a statement to the effect that she has been left in destitute circumtances with four dependent children, and tiffed as Mr. Presley's property. The ct-

she petitions that her husband be re- fort was abandoned, however, when it was found that the gayment was several leased in order that he may provide for The petition also sets forth that the sibly have been worn by Mr. Presley, as iolation of the laws was only technical, he was a tall, broad-shouldered man, and in that he sold on Sunday morning to a neighbor a small quantity of whishy from

a bottle kept in the house for medicinal At the instance of Commissioner Ross, the Board will reply that the Commissioners of the District have no power to meint a pardon under the circumstances. months, and it is alleged in the petition that the wire and children are much of the without sufficient fuel and clothing

NEBRASKA LANDS GRANTED. Forfeited Railroad Property Given

Over to Farmers. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 16.-The opening to public settlement today caused a great influx of settlers to the Lincoln Land Office. Over 300 farmers crowded the hallways of the Federal building long before office hours, and in some respects it was duplicate of the Indian Territory boom-

The land was originally granted to the Burlington, but its entry, after years of Brigation, was rejected and some of the choicest farming lands in southerstern Nebraska were reported for entry at the

squatter rights. Ocean Steamship Movements.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 .- Arrived: Menaba, London; Marquette, London: Conadian, Liverpool. Arrived out: Bremen, from New York, at Bremen; Postdam, from New York for Rotterdam, off The

Public Lunds in Porto Rico.

Representative Crumpacker has intro-duced a bill to give the Secretary of the Interior supervisory authority and cen-trol over all public lands in Forto Rico.

| Interior ample to say, there is no proof. So there may be a place called heaven, the some of God, where angels trol over all public lands in Forto Rico.

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TWO CRIMES SEEM RELATED.

PRICE ONE CENT.

Police Investigating the Presley Tragedy.

INVOLVES DENNIS ASSAULT.

Man Resembling Presley Was Seen By the Lansdale Boy.

KEYS AND BLOODSTAINS FOUND.

Queer Statement Made by the Dead Compositor Last Saturday Night in Reference to the Assault on Mrs. Dennis-Said He Was Being Shadowed-Had Keys That Fit the Front Door of Dennis Home.

There are curious features about the case of Samuel Crawford Presley, a compositor mployed in the Government Printing Office, who committed suicide yesterday by inhaling illuminating gas in his room at the Ingleside, 1119 K Street, which may have some connection with the brutal assault upon Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis, whose home is next door, 1117 K Street, The police have selzed upon these feaures, and are endeavoring to find what relation they bear, if any, to the assault on Mrs. Donnis.

Man Seen by Young Lansdale. At the outset of the investigation of the suicide the Lansdale boy, who saw a man

tenving the Dennis house at an early hour on the morning of the assault, was sent for, to see if he could identify the body seen. The lad was not certain, but was of the opinion that there was a strong The boy, in describing the man whom he saw leaving the Dennis residence, said he

ooked as though it had recently been put in the trunk while damp, was found. The detectives recalled the fact that it rained hard during the night on which the Dea-

When Mr. Prealey's trunk was searched

a slouch hat, slightly mildowed, which

wore a slouch hat.

Presley's Queer Statement. Another feature is a statement, made to Captain Boardman by the proprietor of a elgar store in the downtown district, to store last Saturday night and after purchasing some clairs joined in a discus then in progress in regard to the result of the Bonine trial. Later, the cigny man Dennis assault, during which, he says,

When asked why, he is alleged to have stated that it was "because he knew the man who had committed the assault; that he lived in the house with him."

"Why, the police are shadowing me for

Mr. Presley then gave a description of

Mr. Presley remarked:

He concluded by exhorting the cardinals the man, his manners and his walk, and to pray to God to protect Italy in the police have been informed, tallied exactly with a description of himself. Bloodstains and Keys. Again, what appear to be blood stains

> have been found on Mr. Presley's overcont, his cont and trousers, and on his The blood stains on the sleeve of the overcoat were tested by Professor Hird, the Chemist of the District, and pronounced blood. The coat, trousers, and

> shoes have not as yet been thoroughly

The finding of two keys in Mr. Presley's pocket which opened the front door of the Dennis residence is another result of the igation made of his effects. The keys in question would not open the front door of his boarding house, and the olice are trying to salve the problem as Sewer Overcont Not Presley's. An effort was made by the police to

have the overcout found in the sewer at

Thirteenth and N Streets northwest iden-

sizes smaller than one that could pos-

weighed III5 pounds. How Snielde Was Effected. The suicide of Mr. Presley was discovered at about 8 o'clock yesterday morning, when the door of his room was broken open and he was found lying on ed with the gas stove in his room, end of the tubing that fitted to the

ans lying under his chin when he was That the suicide was premeditated there cha be no doubt. According to William Carter, a relored servant at the legie-side, Mr. Freeler told him last Saturday that he was going to kill himself, but re-quested him to may nothing about it. The boy paid no further attention to it,

strong drink.
Prestey's body was found lying on the bed, which had been moved close to the unbing which connected with the stove

Sunday, giving as a reason that he wished to be nearer the light, that he might see Suicide's Letter to His Brother.

A fetter addressed to his brother, Henry M. Prestey, 611 Eighth Street porthwest, which he had written on a sorap of paper, was found lying on the table beside the bed. It reads: "Dear Henry Have my body cremated

and send ashes home: bury in family

graveyard at New Hope. Some may say that I am crary, but if I am not mane naw never was. Alcohol is the child of misery, the mother of crime. There may Possibly there is a place called 'hell.'